

James Wallace House
8230 Brandywine Road
Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area
Northfield Center vicinity
Summit County
Ohio

HABS No. OH-2306

HABS
OHIO,
77-NORCEI
1-

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORIC AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, DC 20013-7127

HABS
OHIO,
77-NORCE.V
1-

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

JAMES WALLACE HOUSE

HABS No. OH-2306

Location: 8230 Brandywine Road, Cuyahoga Valley National
Recreation Area, Northfield Center vicinity, Summit
County, Ohio

USGS Northfield, Ohio quadrangle

Present Owner
and Occupant: U.S. National Park Service

Present Use: National Park Service interpretative site

Significance: The James Wallace house and outbuildings represent the
entrepreneurial and agricultural efforts of the owners
to enlarge the population and improve the economic
foundation of the Cuyahoga Valley.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of construction: circa 1850
2. Original and subsequent owners: James W. Wallace owned this property from 1833-1869, when it was purchased by Warrick Price. Between 1869 and 1972, when the property was bought by the National Park Service, there were seven owners.
3. Original plans and construction: Researchers believe that the Wallace house is composed of two structures. The rear, one and one-half story wing is thought to have formerly stood across the road and served as the house and store of George Wallace, James' father. The two-story main block is the circa 1850 portion.
4. Alterations and additions: Two additions were built soon after construction of the circa 1850 portion. Another addition was built in the early twentieth century. A porch built on the northwest corner of the building was enclosed during the twentieth century.

- B. Historical Context: Born in 1803 in Youngstown, Ohio, James W. Wallace spent most of his boyhood in Cleveland, where his father owned and operated the first hotel, was elected as the first city tax assessor, and helped establish the first school and bank. At age 22, Wallace went to work on the construction of the Ohio and Erie Canal, and later operated a canal boat on it. Later in life he was involved in various commercial, real estate, and agricultural efforts in the Cuyahoga Valley on his own and with his brother George. These included farming, logging, and milling.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

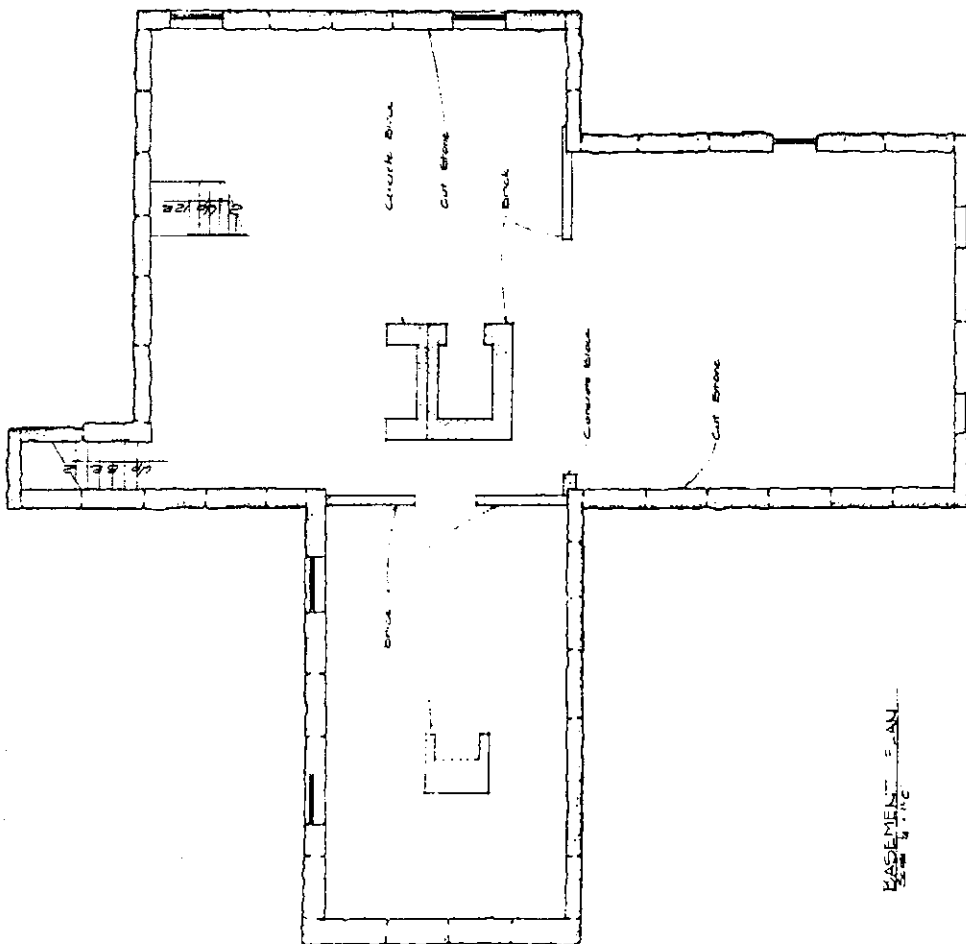
- A. General Statement: Due to presumably joining an older structure to a new one during construction and appending later additions, the Wallace house is irregularly shaped. It has a Greek Revival stylistic flavor.
- B. Description of Exterior:
1. Foundation: The large blocks of coursed sandstone which form the foundation were probably quarried on the property.
 2. Walls: horizontal clapboards
 3. Framing: wood frame
 4. Porch: There is a large stone porch on the south side in the corner formed by the conjunction of the old wing and the circa 1850 portion. Large rectangular stone blocks are utilized for the foundation, steps, and floor. This style of porch is unusual for the Cuyahoga Valley.
 5. Windows: All windows are six-over-six light, double-hung sash, except for the six pane "eyebrow" windows situated under the roof overhang.
 6. Roof: gabled
- C. Site: The Wallace house is situated on a sloping hillside overlooking a 63-foot high waterfall on the Brandywine Creek.

PART III. SOURCE

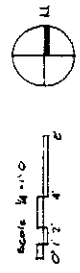
Hamilton, Chester V. Wallace Farm. National Register of Historic Places nomination form, 1985.

Prepared by: Holly K. Chamberlain, historian
HABS
May, 1988

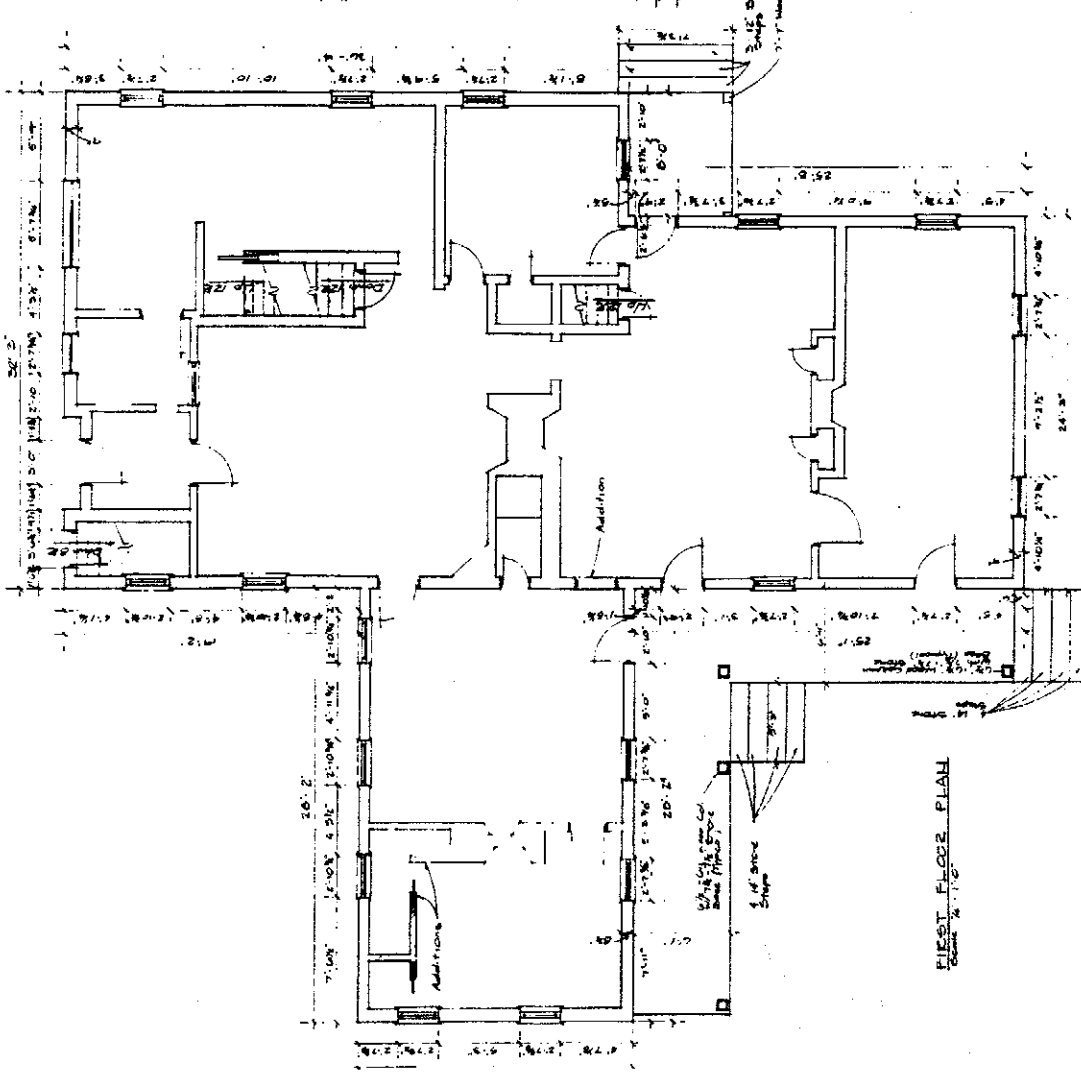
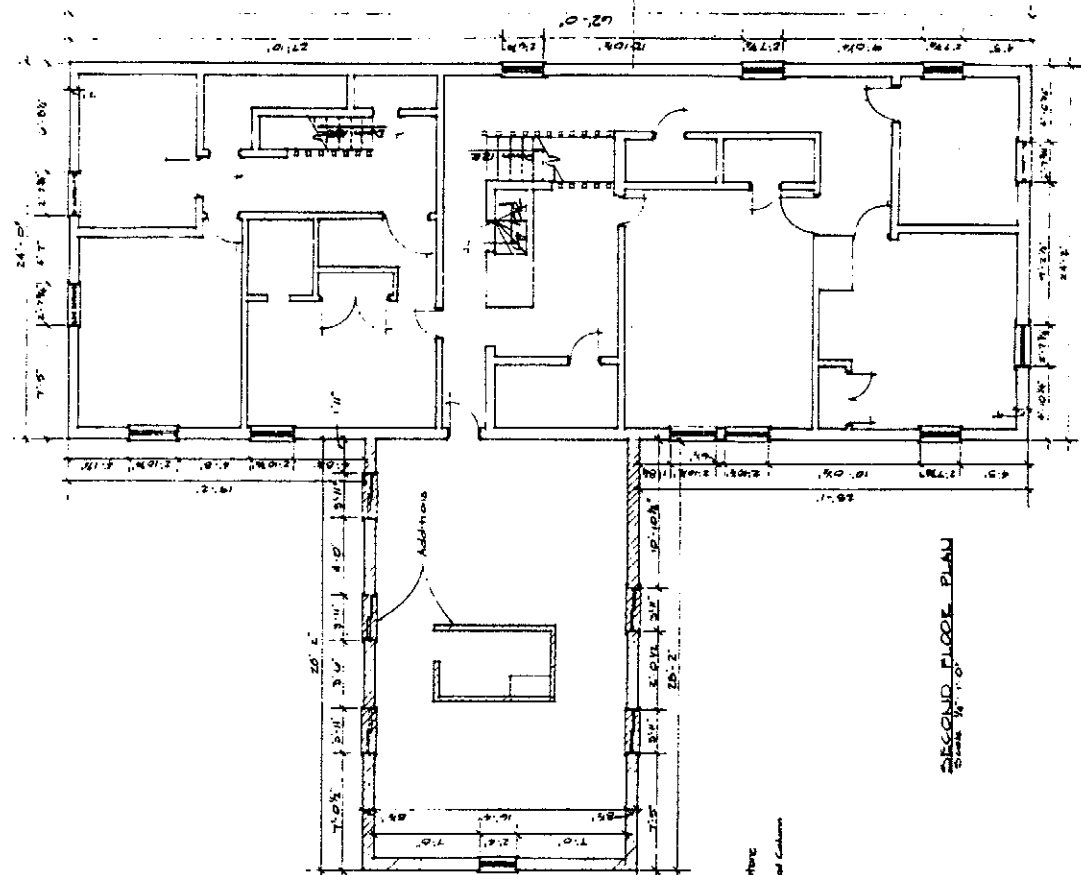
JAMES WALLACE HOUSE
HABS No. OH-2306 (Page 3)



DESIGNED BY J. H. D.	SUB SHEET NO. 1	TITLE OF SHEET FLOOR PLAN	DRAWING NO. JH 2306
DATE JULY 1965	TECH. REVIEWER J. H. D.	JAMES WALLACE HOUSE, N.W. 1/4 EXISTING CONDITIONS JULY 1965 CUTAWAY VALLEY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA	SHEET NO. 3



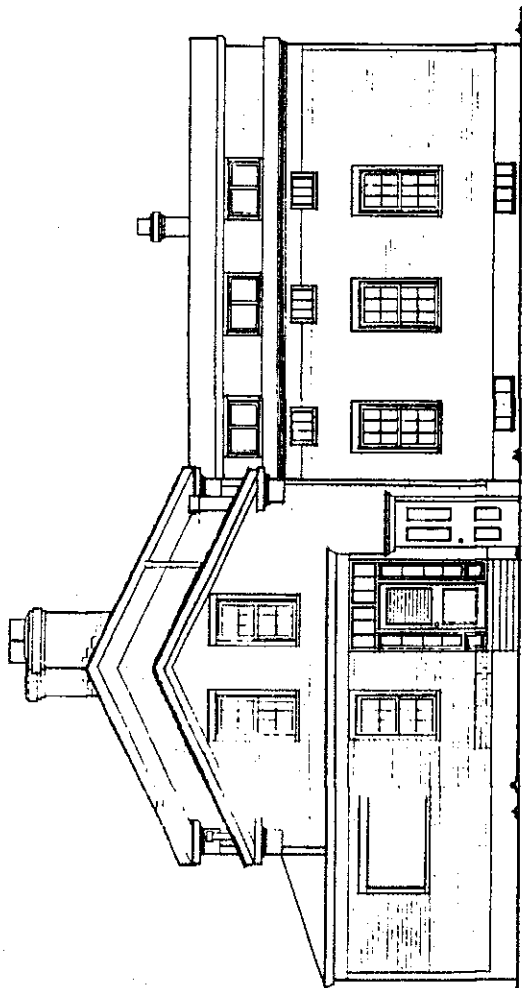
JAMES WALLACE HOUSE
HABS No. OH-2306 (Page 4)



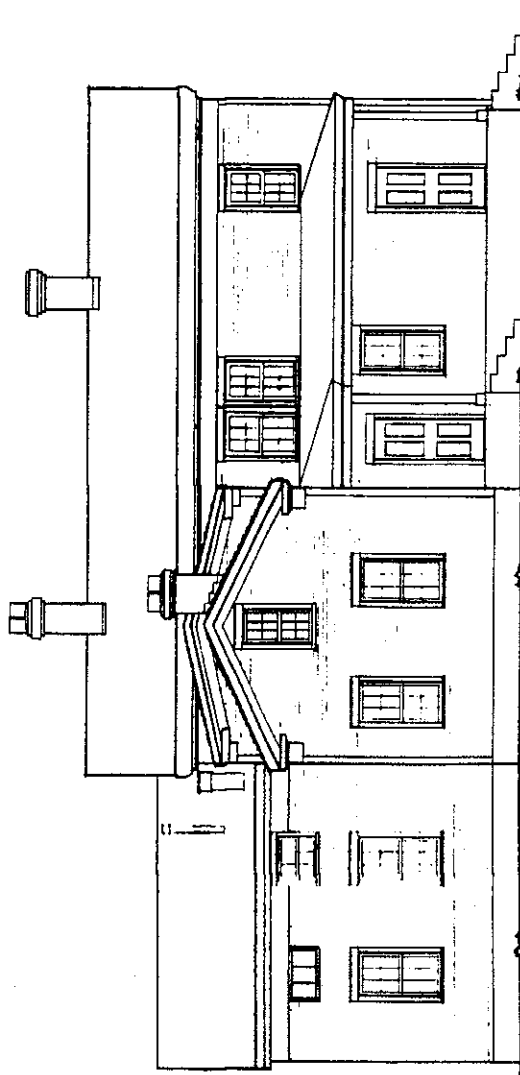
DATE 6-27-27	BY H.M.
TITLE OF SHEET FLOOR PLANS JAMES WALLACE HOUSE, H.S. 241 BRISTOL, OHIO, JULY 1906 CITY AND VALLEY	
DESIGNED H.M.	SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"



Scale 1/4" = 1'-0"
0 1 2 3 4



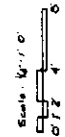
WEST ELEVATION

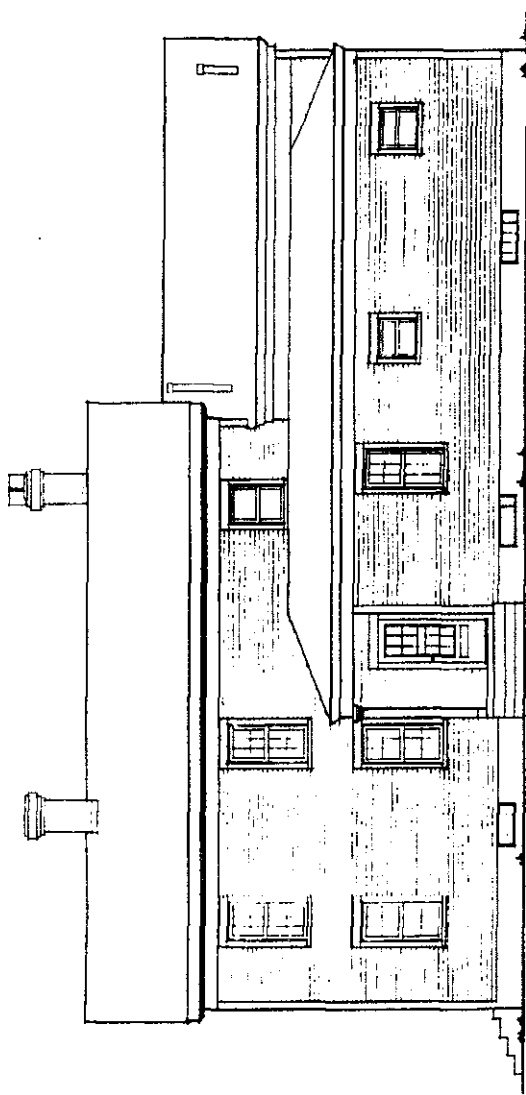


SOUTH ELEVATION

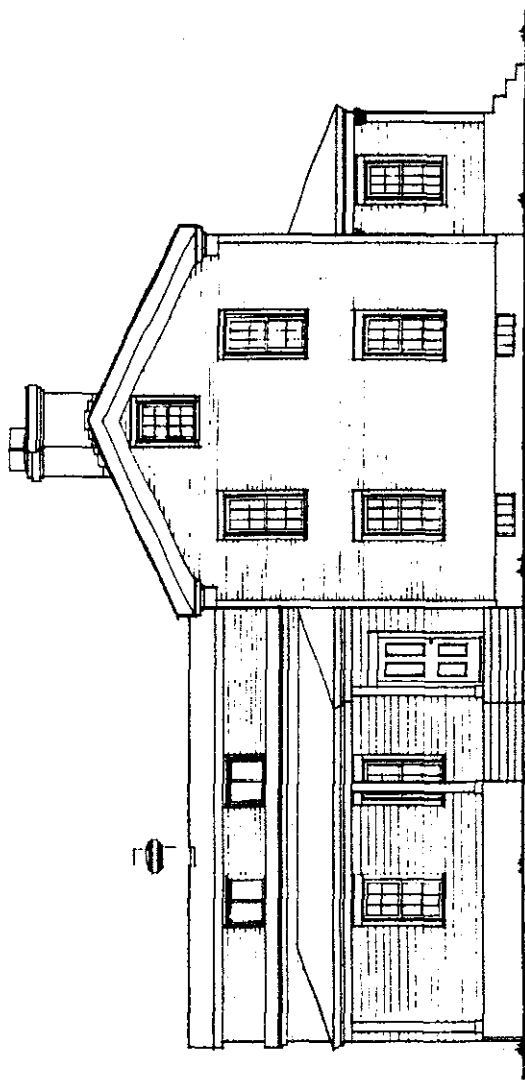
JAMES WALLACE HOUSE
HABS No. OH-2306 (Page 5)

RECORDED	DATE	BY	DATE
INDEXED	DATE	BY	DATE
DRAWING NO. 644 2306			
SHEET NO. 1			
TITLE OF SHEET ELEVATIONS JAMES WALLACE HOUSE H.S. 140 EXISTING CONDITIONS, JULY 1928 CUTABONA VALLEY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA			



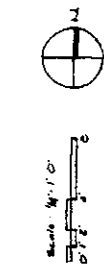


NORTH ELEVATION
Scale 1/4" = 1'-0"



EAST ELEVATION
Scale 1/4" = 1'-0"

JAMES WALLACE HOUSE
HABS No. OH-2306 (Page 6)



RECORDED	DATE SHEET NO.	TITLE OF SHEET	DATE OF SHEET
INDEXED	14	ELEVATIONS	1938
JAMES WALLACE HOUSE, N.S. '40 PASTOR CONDITIONS, JULY 1938 CONTRACT NO. 1000 NATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL			